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BULLARD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DEALING METHAMPHETAMINE

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 55-year-old Bullard man has pleaded guilty to federal drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas.

THOMAS LYNN EDWARDS entered his guilty plea today before United States Magistrate Judge Judith Guthrie.

According to prosecutors, Edwards was indicted on September 13, 2006, and charged with conspiracy to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine.

At sentencing, Edwards faces up to forty years in federal prison and a \$2 million fine. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Texas Department of Public Safety. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mary Ann Cozby.

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